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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 161

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

April 19, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161—Relative to California Nurses Week 2010.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 161, as amended, Bonnie Lowenthal. California Nurses Week 2010.

This measure would proclaim May 9 through 15 as California Nurses Week 2010.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The registered nurses of the California Nurses
2 Association and National Nurses United, *United Nurses of America,*
3 *Nurse Alliance of California, National Nurses United, and other*
4 *nursing organizations* are committed advocates for each and every
5 patient; and

6 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association was founded
7 in 1903, as the first organization to represent nurses in California;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Over the *past 107 years of its proud history,* the
10 ~~California Nurses Association has,~~ *California nurses have* achieved
11 lifesaving gains in patient care and patient safety conditions for
12 all Californians through sponsored legislation, public regulation,
13 and collective action in patient care settings; and

1 WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association has played an
2 instrumental role in the creation of National Nurses United in 2009,
3 bringing together 150,000 nurses from every state to promote
4 patient advocacy across the nation; and

5 ~~WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association, National Nurses~~
6 ~~United, and its affiliate the Registered Nurse Response Network,~~

7 *WHEREAS, California* nurses have displayed great humanitarian
8 spirit with their efforts to help care for the patients and nurses of
9 Haiti in the aftermath of that nation's devastating earthquake; and

10 ~~WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association's registered~~

11 *WHEREAS, California* nurses worked for many years to achieve
12 the nation's first safe registered nurse-to-patient ratio law that
13 studies have documented to reduce patient mortality in California
14 hospitals and help mitigate the nursing shortage; and

15 ~~WHEREAS, The California Nurses Association provides, United~~
16 ~~Nurses of America, Nurse Alliance of California, National Nurses~~
17 ~~United, and other nursing organizations provide a powerful and~~
18 ~~effective collective voice for registered nurses; and~~

19 WHEREAS, The safe, high-quality health care services provided
20 by registered nurses somehow touch the lives of every single person
21 in California; and

22 ~~WHEREAS, Registered nurses are often the last line of defense~~
23 ~~for patient safety in a medical industry that increasingly places~~
24 ~~corporate profits ahead of patient needs; and~~

25 WHEREAS, Nationally, May 6 through 12 is recognized as
26 National Nurses Week 2010, and nurses working in all areas of
27 health care in California will commemorate May 9 through 15 as
28 California Nurses Week 2010, in celebration of ~~the many ways~~
29 ~~the California Nurses Association and its members and all nurses~~
30 *all nurses* working throughout California's health care system to
31 provide safe, high-quality patient care and patient services; now,
32 therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims May 9
35 through 15 as California Nurses Week 2010, in recognition of the
36 ~~many contributions that the California Nurses Association and its~~
37 ~~members~~ *many contributions that all nurses* have made to improve
38 the health and safety of all Californians and to express deep
39 appreciation to all of the state's nurses during that week and
40 throughout the years to come; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature asks all Californians to join in
2 ~~honoring the registered nurses of the California Nurses Association~~
3 ~~and all registered~~ *honoring all* nurses who provide the highest
4 quality health care services to the public; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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